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SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—
SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

The minutes from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, September 19, 2008, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact Terrietta Robinson at (916) 654-8035 or James W. Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

/S/ BOB HERMSMEIER
Chief
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Attachments

LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, September 19, 2008

Agenda

9 a.m.

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Bill Burke, Workforce
Services Branch
(WSB)

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- Upcoming Grant Opportunities
- NEG Grants for Areas Affected by Fire
- Impacts of the State budget situation on WSD and CWIB, therefore residual impact on LWIA's

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- CALWINS Feasibility Study Report
- State Work Readiness Certification
- Ex-offender Re-entry Program Funds
- One Year Local Plan Modification

CWIB

- Upcoming Recertification of WIBs
- Information on the "New Start" program with the Department of Corrections

Barbara Halsey,
California Workforce
Investment Board
(CWIB)

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**

Friday, September 19, 2008

Welcome/Agenda Building/ Hot Topics---Bob Hermsmeier, Workforce Services Branch (WSB)

Governor's Executive Order---Bob Hermsmeier, WSB. Due to the hiring freeze imposed by Executive Order S-09-08, some services the Branch normally performs were slowed or reduced. The Branch has been mandated to terminate all Retired Annuitants and Student Assistants, including the many that support the Youth Employment and Opportunity Program.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities---Melissa Ochoa, WSB. The Veterans Solicitation for Proposal (SFP) will be on the Employment Development Department (EDD) Web site next week and proposals will be due October 24, 2008. The Governor's Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Initiative SFP, round two, should be on the Web site around October 6, 2008, with proposals due November 21, 2008. These dates are predicated on the Governor signing the budget next week.

NEG Grants for Areas Affected by the Fire--- Jose Luis Marquez, WSB. There have been approximately 2,000 wildfires this summer. In order for California to apply for a National Emergency Grant (NEG) to help the victims of these fires, there has to be a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Declaration signed by the President. On September 5, 2008, the State was notified that the FEMA declaration was denied by the President. The State worked with the Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) to obtain the necessary data to appeal the decision. On September 18, 2008, the appeal package was sent to the State Office of Emergency Services who is California's point of contact with FEMA.

The State did receive a FEMA declaration to help the victims of the 2007 Wildfires. The Department of Labor has approved \$9.8 million of the requested \$20.4 million to help the 2007 Wildfire victims. The grantees will be emailed today to ask for new information based on the reduced approval amount.

Impacts of the State budget situation on WSB and California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB), therefore residual impact on LWIAs---Bob Hermsmeier, WSB. The assumption is that the Governor will sign the revised budget today. If that happens, the Branch will process the 49 subgrants containing Workforce Investment Act formula funds so the LWIAs could start ordering cash by September 24, 2008.

CALWINS Feasibility Study Report—Liz Clingman, WSB. The State has identified funds to pay for CALWINS. Liz Clingman and her staff are updating the Feasibility Study Report (FSR). Once the FSR is approved, a Request for Proposal for a replacement system will be released. The selected option is to purchase a commercial “off-the-shelf” system. The new FSR will closely track with the earlier published Request for Information.

State Work Readiness Certification—Joseph Werner, Monterey County. There are a number of work or career readiness educational models used throughout California. There should be one model used statewide for serving our clients. Barbara Halsey agreed and will convene a workgroup to discuss this issue.

Ex-offender Re-entry Program Funds—Bob Hermsmeier, WSB. The EDD and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) had an inter-agency agreement for Program Year (PY) 2007-08, to serve this population. Due to the reduction of the 15 percent funds for PY 2008-09, funding for this inter-agency agreement will be reduced. The number of full-time EDD staff funded by the agreement will be reduced from 15 to 10.

One Year Local Plan Modification—Joseph Werner, Monterey County. Joseph Werner asked if a multi-year planning process could be developed to replace the current process. Bob Hermsmeier stated that the law requires an annual local plan modification and the state would streamline the process as much as possible to comply with the requirements of the law. Barbara Halsey stated that the federal planning requirements would probably change for the 2010 planning year.

Upcoming Re-certifications of WIBS—Barbara Halsey, CWIB. The CWIB has drafted a directive regarding re-certification. Once the directive is released, there will be a 30 day comment period. There will be no major changes to the certification process from the prior process. The LWIAs are concerned with the Senate Bill 293 requirement to have organized labor occupy at least 15 percent of each local Workforce Investment Board’s (WIB) membership. Each local area must document that they made a good faith effort to meet this requirement. The CWIB also recognizes that common measures may bring challenges to the local areas. The goal is to complete the recertification of the 49 LWIAs by December 31, 2008.

Information on the “New Start” Program with the Department of Corrections—Barbara Halsey, CWIB. Barbara indicated that CWIB is working with the CDCR to establish a Budget Change Proposal. Barbara also agreed to hold a conference call with the local areas to answer any questions and keep the local areas updated on the progress.